

House Resolution 535

By: Representative Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that the United States Congress avoid wasteful, unnecessary, and unwise
2 projects; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed and President Barack Obama has signed
4 legislation known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as a way to
5 stimulate the American economy and create new jobs for American workers; and

6 WHEREAS, a significant percentage of the funds authorized by this act are targeted toward
7 creating jobs through investments in transportation and other infrastructure projects; and

8 WHEREAS, one reported project seeking funding includes a so-called "Mob Museum" in
9 Las Vegas, Nevada, which is an obvious waste of taxpayer dollars; and

10 WHEREAS, even such projects as the O'Hare Modernization Project, which purports to solve
11 delays at the nation's second busiest airport, may seem like quality infrastructure investments,
12 but close examination reveals that the project does not fix key choke points at the existing
13 terminal, lengthens the time and distance that airplanes must taxi, increases the number of
14 aircraft taxiing across active runways which creates safety risks, and requires travel times
15 estimated at 45-60 minutes from the main terminal to the new terminal; and

16 WHEREAS, this project, referred to as "The Runway to Nowhere," has failed to obtain
17 funding from local, state, and federal sources based on a review of the project's merits, and
18 the airlines serving O'Hare Airport have called the plan ill-conceived and premature.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body request that the Georgia congressional delegation carefully review
21 all proposed projects to ensure that any taxpayer dollars authorized and appropriated for
22 transportation infrastructure meet strict economic competitiveness standards based on
23 improving mobility for the American public.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the the members of this body request that the Georgia
25 congressional delegation oppose efforts to build projects like the so-called "Mob Museum"
26 and the so-called "Runway to Nowhere."

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
29 congressional delegation.